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COMBINED MEETING OF THE SECTIONS ON SURGERY AND UROLOGY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th.

1. Resection of the Acromioclavicular Joint; Demonstration of Patient. Sol Hyman.

2. Demonstration: Removal of a Papilloma of the Bladder with Operating Cystoscope. Henry Meyer.

3. Demonstration of Case. M. P. Carpenter, 32 yrs. of age. Admitted to County Hospital December 15th with an enormous carcinoma of the cheek, neck and jaws. Twelve yrs. ago he had received X-ray treatments for a period of five weeks, for what were probably tuberculous glands of the neck. He does not remember the exact number of exposures given. Microscopic section shows squamous cell carcinoma.

4. Pitfalls in the Diagnosis of Surgical Renal Lesions, with demonstration of specimens and plates. M. Krotoszyner. Discussed by W. P. Willard and J. Rosenstirn.

SECTION ON EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22d.

1. Demonstration of Cases:

A. Barany Conservative Radical Operation. Henry Horn.

B. Case of Ludwig's Angina. M. W. Fredrick.

C. Two Cases of Cataract—Smith Operation. A. S. Green.

D. Optic Atrophy (one sided) in girl of 15; etiology not known.

Congenital Staphyloma of Both Optic Nerves. Hans Barkan.

Discussed by E. D. Shortlidge and O. Tobriner.

2. The Smith-Indian Cataract Operation in the Light of Scientific Investigation. A. S. Green. Discussed by K. Pischel, V. Hulen and H. Barkan.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**A Medical Dictionary For Nurses.** By Amy Elizabeth Pope: 8 vo., cloth; pp. 288 + v. Illustrated. 1914. (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London, Publishers. Price, \$1.00.)

This book like others by the same authoress is handy, practical and sensible. The words and terms contained in it are defined in an explanatory and encyclopedic way. In addition to the dictionary the book contains a list of abbreviations, a table of chemical elements, notes on poisons and a number of useful numerical tables. L. E.

**The Philosophy of Radio-Activity.** Eugene Coleman Savage, M. D. (Published by Jenkins Co., New York, 1914.)

A book of 140 pages in which the author constantly juggles with such delightfully definite terms as the "Great Elusive Something that Changes," "Associative Force," "Explosive Secret," "Fenced Infinity," "Matter Invested with Compressed Duration," etc. He apparently attempts to explain malignancy as resulting from some slight variations in the action of the "Great Elusive Something that Changes" and concludes with the following statement: "We may say that the ultra material is the cause which orders the Associative Force and marks the Eternal Constants; and tendencies of unerring sureness and justice are retained in the non-material reservoirs of the cosmos."

The day of this type of philosophical treatises on medical subjects has long since passed and such a book adds nothing to medical knowledge or medical progress. W. W. B.

## Diseases of the Skin, Including the Acute Eruptive

**Fevers.** By Frank Crozer Knowles, M. D., Instructor in Dermatology in the University of Pennsylvania; Clinical Professor of Dermatology, Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc. Octavo, 546 pages, with 199 engravings and 14 plates. Cloth, \$4.00, net. (Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1914.)

The author has produced a convenient handbook for students and general practitioners covering the various cutaneous and mucous membrane eruptions (including the exanthemata). It has been possible to condense the work within 526 pages by a judicious arrangement of the subject matter and by saving much space that is usually devoted to references. The writer has drawn largely from his extensive experience in the large Philadelphia clinics and from a broad knowledge of the literature up to date. The numerous black and white illustrations are excellent and the subject matter is instructive and well arranged. H. E. A.

**A Text-book of Medical Diagnosis.** By James M. Anders, M. D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and of Clinical Medicine, Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia and L. Napoleon Boston, M. D., Professor of Physical Diagnosis, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. Second edition thoroughly revised. Octavo of 1248 pages, 500 illustrations, some in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914. Cloth, \$6.00 net; half morocco, \$7.50 net.

This edition, printed in June, 1914, contains 1193 pages of text. It is made up of eight main divi-